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		2	PROCEEDINGS
2		3	MS. McBRIDE: Good afternoon, everyone. My
3	LEGISLATIVE COMMENT HEARING ON THE PROPOSED RULEMAKING	4	name is Molly McBride, I'm an administrative law judge
	TO AMEND PARTS 701 AND 703 OF 6NYCRR	5	with the New York City Department of Environmental
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5		6	Conservation, and presiding over this afternoon's
6		7	legislative comment session.
7	HEARING held at the offices of the ENVIRONMENTAL	8	The purpose of this session is to receive
8	PROTECTION AGENCY, 290 Broadway, 23rd Floor, New York,	9	comments from the public regarding the proposed
9	New York, on Monday, March 9, 2015, at 12:00 p.m.,	10	rulemaking to amend Parts 701 and 703 of Title 6 of the
10	before Jeffrey Shapiro, a Shorthand Reporter and notary	11	official Compilation of Codes, Rules and Regulations of
11	public, within and for the State of New York.	12	the State of New York.
12		13	The purpose of this rulemaking is to change
13	D. D. D. D. D. WOLLIN D. WODDING	14	the right to require the quality of Class 1 and Class SD
14	B E F O R E: MOLLY T. MCBRIDE,	15	bathing surface waters to be suitable for primary
1.	Administrative Law Judge	16	contact recreation such as swimming; the rulemaking is
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16 17		17	necessary to meet the swimmable goal of the Federal
18		18	Clean Water Act.
19		19	Notice of this hearing was published in
20		20	various newspapers that are in the New York City area,
21		21	serving this area, as well as the electronic
22		22	publication, the Environmental Notice Bulletin, and in
23		23	the State Register.
24		24	As I said, the purpose of this session is to
25		25	receive comments. This is not a question and answer
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PROPOSED RULEMAKING TO AMEND PARTS 701 & 703 OF 6NYCRR Page 5 Page 7 **DEC Public Hearing DEC Public Hearing** 2 public hearing. 2 New York City Water Trail Association, and I have 3 To protect water quality, the waters of New written comments which I will present to you by e-mail, 4 York State are grouped into classes with uses designated 4 the easiest way. 5 for each class, along with standards to protect their But I wanted to make three points in that uses. There are five classes of saline waters defined 6 group's testimony. 7 in Title 6 of the New York Codes, Rules and Regulations, And the first point is that, if you're going abbreviated 6 NYCRR, Part 701. These classes are SA, 8 to call something swimmable, that changes the game for a 9 SB, SC, Roman Numeral I and SD. 9 lot of people. Our group does a survey of harbor 10 The federal Clean Water Act requires that, 10 boaters every year. The last year we did it, in 2013, 11 where attainable, the quality of all waters "provides we counted more than 60,000 individuals who were put on 11 12 for recreation in and on the water." This is commonly the water by organized community boating groups. That 12 referred to as the "swimmable" goal of the Clean Water doesn't count individuals who launch themselves. 13 14 Act and was to have been achieved by 1983. 14 This is a really big number. Every year 15 Of the five classes of saline waters in New 15 that we've done this survey that number has grown. 16 York State, only three of the classes SA, SB, and SC, We've got waterfront development and access points 16 17 are designated for primary contact recreation, which expanding. That number is going to get big. If you 17 18 call water swimmable people are going to expect it to be 18 includes swimming. Class 1 and Class SD waters are not 19 currently designated for primary contact recreation, and swimmable, and they'll want to know. 19 20 20 thus do not meet the swimmable goal of the federal Clean So, the first point is, how are you 21 21 Water Act. The majority of Class 1 and Class SD waters measuring that? I don't think the harbor survey, which 22 are located in New York City, with a few waters located 22 is a great thing, and I don't mean to discredit the DEP 23 in Suffolk County. 23 in any way, but it's not an accurate reflection of 24 24 harbor water quality recreation users. The purpose of this rule is to ensure that 25 25 the Class 1 and Class SD waters meet the swimmable goal I think you're going to have to expand your Page 6 Page 8 **DEC Public Hearing** 1 1 **DEC Public Hearing** 2 2 of the federal Clean Water Act. data points. As a model I brought this. 3 The proposed rule would accomplish this by 3 (Indicating poster board.) requiring, in 6 NYCRRR Part 701, that the water quality 4 This is a citizens program that we run for Class 1 and Class SD waters be suitable for primary called Citizens Water. We do quality tests, and if you contact recreation, and in 6 NYCRR Part 703, by adopting 6 look, we test at launch sites, a lot of them, more than 7 corresponding standards for total and fecal coliforms to 7 30. We test weekly, that's what the DEP does too. protect the quality of Class 1 and Class SD waters for 8 Their test sites in the East River, if you look at 9 this use. 9 those, they've only got two in the middle stretch of 10 10 the East River. They've got 23rd Street and they test Thank you. 11 MS. McBRIDE: Thank you, Mr. Stoner. 11 at Hell Gate, and that's it. Two points, mid current, 12 At this time we have not yet received any 12 mid channel, the results are different. speaker cards. What I will do is keep the record open 13 13 So, if you are really going to look at 14 for a few more minutes in case anyone is delayed getting 14 water, look at where people are going to use the water, 15 here, and then we'll close the record after that. because those numbers are going to be a lot tougher, and 15 16 We have a speaker card for Rob Buchanan. 16 I think you have to include them. So that's my first 17 You may come forward and make your comment here. 17 point. 18 MR. BUCHANAN: My name is Rob Buchanan. I'm 18 The second point is, monitoring and 19 co-chair of the New York-New Jersey Harbor Program 19 notification, it's almost impossible for the public to 20 Citizens Advisory Committee. I'm not here to offer 20 understand the public agencies' monitoring efforts, and

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get in the door.

testimony from that group. We have many comments and we

I'm here representing another group of the

will be presenting comments. A colleague of mine of

23 that group will be presenting comments later if she can

their notificiation efforts are also difficult, they are

25 you look at the DEP's result pages on their website,

not really user friendly. If we go to swimmable water

designation, high expectations, that has to be reflected

in better monitoring and more interpretable results. If

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DEC Public Hearing 2 they are great, the data is great, but a member of the 3 public can't make heads or tails of it, they really 4 cannot.

5 I want to show you one more -- an example, I 6 mentioned East 23rd Street as one of their sites. If you look at their results for 2014, during the 20 weeks we tested, every single result they have is less than 9 30. I'm talking about enterococcus, that's what we

10 tested. Every single result is less than 30. That

11 means swimmable across the board. Green, green, green 12 all the way across the board.

13 If you look at our results from Stuyvesant, 14 which is at 23rd Street, roughly, but we test near the 15 shore, it's a totally different picture. It's about 55 16 or 60 percent green; but the other 35 or 40 percent is 17 not green, does not meet swimmable standards.

So if you are going to use the results you 19 have to be able to see them and ours side by side, and 20 the public needs to understand those things.

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21 So I think our model is good, I think the 22 DEC's model is good, there are lots of good models for 23 presenting, but the notification has to be better.

24 The third and final point. Enterococcus is 25 the standard, what the City uses when they say you can **DEC Public Hearing**

2 MS. McBRIDE: For those who joined us, I understand there was a delay at security, so we did go off the record for a few minutes to allow people to get 5 upstairs. We had one speaker so far.

6 What we're going to do now is call the other 7 speakers who have signed up, and when I call your name 8 I'd ask you to please come forward here and give your 9 comments here at the podium. 10

Our next speaker is Marlene Donnelly.

11 MS. DONNELLY: I'm here to make statements 12 for two organizations. I'm a member of the Gowanus 13 Community Advisory Group under the Superfund Cleanup, 14 and last month we passed a resolution specifically to 15 make this entry into this statement.

16 The Cag is a 50 member organization 17 compromised of organization members at large. It was 18 formed in 2011 as part of the EPA Superfund action for 19 the Gowanus Canal.

20 The first resolution was passed unanimously 21 by this organization in 2012, was directed to the New York City DEP and copied to the New York State DEC and 22 23 reads as follows:

"The Gowanus Canal Superfund Advisory Group 25 hereby resolves that the water of the Gowanus Canal be

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2 go swimming at Coney Island or Staten Island, so it's understandable for the public. At this point it's what

4 we use, what every citizen test group uses. And it

should be the standard. I know you have said in your

explanation that you envision this as a multi-part

thing, you want to start with the coliform standards and switch over to enterococcus in the future.

But I think everything changes when you say 10 the harbor is swimmable, we're designating the water 11 waters as swimmable. I think you should be ready to 12 explain to people what that means. And if you don't

13 have the enterococcus standards in place, if you're

14 still using this other system, it's going to require the

15 public to translate from a language they don't

16 understand to another language they don't understand. 17 It's going to complicate things.

18 So, you're charging the game, it's a big, 19 big step, but be ready. Be ready on the PR front and on 20 the communications front, in those three areas.

Thank you.

MS. McBRIDE: We will go off the record for 23 a few minutes and give people time to come in, in case 24 they're delayed down at security.

(Recess taken.)

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2 reclassified from the current industrial standard

designated Class SD. Class SD only mandates a minimal

4 level of dissolved oxygen be maintained in the water,

but placed no limits to the level of pathogens in the

6 waterway.

7 "The request is that the Gowanus Canal be 8 reclassified to protect -- given a water classification 9 that protects this current recreation use, which

10 includes contact recreation for families with children,

11 and a reclassification that imposes limits on pathogenic 12 levels of coliform and bacteria as necessary to insure

13 that children and others are not exposed to unacceptable

14 risks, including dangerous disease, due to the simple

15 act of coming in contact with water while recreating on the Canal." 16

That was the resolution.

"We support any change New York City makes 19 in terms of Class 1 and Class SD waterways that places new institutional control on the level of pathogens 20 21 allowed in Class 1 and Class SD waters.

"However, the rulemaking does not affect the 23 use designation for water classification. The above resolution to protect Gowanus recreation use includes 25 contact recreation for families and children.



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"The proposed rulemaking should not be a 3 substitute for reclassification of water based on actual 4 public use of the public waters. The Canal community still looks forward to a water reclassification based on actual use."

7 Passed unanimously February 24. That's 8 submitted.

9 I'm also making a statement for the 10 organization I represent called Friends and Relatives of 11 the Greater Gowanus. We are concerned, we support the 12 changes that there should be pathogen levels of control 13 for all waterways in the City. But we are concerned 14 that the way this is being proposed and the way water is 15 being tested and assessed is not going to be truly 16 protective of pathogens and people's use of the water.

17 We are concerned that the way the rules have 18 been written that they're not going to actually mandate 19 a whole lot of change in Class SD waters because of the 20 way the testing is taking place in the so-called center 21 of the waterways.

22 We ask that in moving forward here that we 23 look for a better way to insure the way people actually 24 come in contact with the water closer to the shore, that 25 we become protective of people coming in contact with

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2 systems, and these elements would be released.

3 So we do want levels of control of

pathogens, so we're really going to address climate

5 change more. Thank you.

MS. McBRIDE: Diane Buxbaum?

7 MS. BUXBAUM: I'm a member of the same two 8 groups that the previous speak is a member of. I'm on

9 the Cag of the Gowanus Canal, and I am also a member of

- I don't want to repeat word for word what Marlene

11 Donnelly just said, but I strongly support everything

12 that she said.

So if it means a statement that is exactly 14 as another statement, then you have two of them, and I will submit that in writing.

16 What I am concerned about very often is the 17 ineffective and non-existent addressing of climate 18 change, and how we are going to clean up our waters. It's the same thing that Marlene said. It's absolutely 19 20 accurate.

When I look at the shoreline rezoning law, I 22 think it was 2007 or 2011, I called people at the DEC 23 and the people doing the rezoning and said, "Are you addressing climate change?" They said yes. There was 24 25 one tiny paragraph at the end of the rezoning, which

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2 the water in situations where it's not expected to be,

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due to climate change and storm surges and other issues.

I wanted to relay a story that, during Hurricane Sandy, after that issue, a community group 6 serving Thanksgiving dinners to people in Sheepshead

7 Bay, where we encountered one woman who had just been

8 out of the hospital prior to Hurricane Sandy. She found herself the day of Sandy wandering in four feet of water

10 in our streets, the City of New York, with stitches,

11 having had open surgery days earlier.

And there are people being exposed to 13 pathogens in a lot more intense ways besides choosing to 14 recreate because of the climate change and the control 15 of pathogens in unsafe conditions.

16 And particularly, the concerns of bacteria 17 in the waterway that need to be controlled to CSA --18 because New York City is, according to the Centers for 19 Disease Control, has the highest rate of bacteria 20 resistant infections in the entire country. It's 21 becoming a greater concern that bacteria are being 22 released into our communities more and putting people 23 more at risk.

24 Our hospitals have the highest rates of 25 antibiotic resistant bacteria, they use the sewer **DEC Public Hearing**

2 actually didn't address anything about sea level rise

and storm changes.

4 I spoke to a person at DEP at a meeting near 5 Brooklyn Technical College in Brooklyn Heights, a DEP

presentation on best management practices. And I said

7 "Well, are you going to look at climate change?" At

8 that point -- well, that's too complicated. That struck

9 me as being ineffective, looking at what we need to do

to protect waters. 10

11 We have people in my neighborhood who go out 12 rowing, they go out kayaking in the Gowanus Canal, and 13 they take young people. We need to protect them from

14 the pathogens in the water. And I think the way it's

15 being proposed now, the protection will not exist. I

16 hope we get a better set of proposals.

Thank you.

18 MS. McBRIDE: Thank you.

19 Akila Simon?

20 MS. SIMON: Good afternoon, everybody. I

21 too agree with the previous speaker. I am the head coach of the Empire Dragon Boat Team, and we do practice 22

23 our paddling throughout the duration of April through

24 October on Flushing Bay. And it is very disconcerting

25 for us because there's a lot of fecal matter in the



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2 water during high and low tide. Our cancer survivors, 3 health is a major concern for a lot of us. I myself, as 4 well other members on our team, have skin infections

5 because of the contact with the water, because the

quality is so poor.

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So it is really a major concern for us to do 8 our part to really force the government, DEC, DEP, EPA, to do something about cleaning up the waterways. Over 10 the course of the summer we have over 2,000 padders go 11 out into the water.

We really would like the designation changed 13 to primary contact, merely because we are getting 14 splashed, we're getting flipped, the boats. People do 15 actually have contact with the water. It is very 16 important that we do something.

17 We as a boating community have come together 18 recently and formed something called Guardians of the 19 Bay, where all of the dragon boat community have come 20 together. We're talking about oyster testing, we're 21 testing the waters during the summertime. We're really 22 trying to think of ways that we can do our part, so we 23 really would like to have the designation changed.

24 I think it is very important and it is our 25 home, Flushing Bay is our home. For 2,000 recreational **DEC Public Hearing**

heard, the last few I was here for.

3 The biggest concern that we have about the 4 way that the proposal was framed is about whether it's 5 actually changing the use designation. And that's a 6 critical point of law, because it has changed the use 7 designation, and that will in turn trigger application 8 of federal beach act standards. Even though it's called the beach act, they apply not only to beaches, they 9 apply to all coastal recreational waters, all of these 10 fall in that definition. But it applies only to coastal 11 recreational waters and that is defined for primary 12 13 contact use.

So it's really important that the DEC make 15 very clear in the language of the regulation that they are in fact changing designated use, and not merely saying there something else to use for the water quality issues.

19 Saying it ought to be swimmable is one 20 thing, saying that the bacteria level amounts to swimmability is another thing. So the proposal right 21 22 now is based on old standards from bacteria use, 23 indicator organism, fecal bacteria, that is outdated 24 science.

We understand the DEC is in the process for

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DEC Public Hearing paddlers to move somewhere else, that's something that

is very troubling, especially when there's really 4 nowhere else for us to go to paddle. We compete.

5 Paddling is one of the fastest growing water sports here, and dragon boat paddling in the United 7 States, and we don't have another place to call home.

So it's very important that we do our part and you all do your part to really change the designation for

10 Flushing Bay.

11 Thank you.

12 MS. McBRIDE: Thank you.

13 Larry Levine?

MR. LEVINE: Larry Levine, I'm a senior

15 attorney with Natural Resources Defense Counsel in New 16 York. We are a non-profit environmental organization

17 working on clean water issues and a whole wide range of

18 other environmental issues. We're working on trying to

19 get the City to clean up its sewer overflows since at

20 least the 80s, probably the 70s. We have files in our

21 office going back, legal records to all those decades.

22 And so this is a really important moment 23 that we want the CDC to follow through on both the proposal, also ongoing and beyond that, and I echo all

25 the concerns raised previously by the commenters I

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2 all the other waterways that are already designated for

primary contact of updating that standard based on

enteroacoccus bacteria, the best scientific standard.

But the EPA has a new updated version of that standard

in the last couple of years, and so it's critical that

7 the DEC apply that enterococcus standard to protect

8 public health in all these water bodies.

9 In terms of primary contact, there's one 10 more thing I'd like to say. In many other

11 jurisdictions, many other states, EPA regions in fact,

12 team paddling, even power boating, should be primary 13 contact recreation precisely for the reason the prior

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speaker mentioned, because you do in fact get wet. Even if you don't intend to submerge

15 16 yourself, you do not in fact wholly submerge yourself, you get wet enough that it amounts to primary contact. 17 I'm a kayaker myself, I'm sure many in the room are, you 18

19 know some of the speakers already.

20 So it's a legal matter as well, the DEC in 21 regulation should be treating kayaking, boat paddling as 22 primary contact activity. And as a result, it exists 23 for use legally, people are in fact doing it, and the 24 DEC needs to protect that existing use under the Clean

25 Water Act and comply with the law.



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DEC Public Hearing 2 One last point, which I think someone else 3 alluded to, is how compliance is measured with these 4 standards. Typically sampling now is mid channel. 5 People come in contact with the water much more

6 frequently and extensively near shore. So the 7 regulations ought to be clear as to how compliance is

8 measured, and that should be measured based on near

9 shore water quality, not after sewage discharges have

10 been diluted further into the center of a stream.

11 especially a flowing water body is going to be diluted 12 rapidly towards the center, the Hudson River for

13 example. 14

There's lots of kayaking going on, near 15 shore is a lot more polluted than the center of the 16 channel. It's an integral part of water quality, the 17 cleanup to support primary contact.

18 And so I will close with that, and say that 19 I support moving ahead with what the DEC has proposed, 20 but further, submit that the DEC needs to go further at 21 this time, not merely additional issues for a future

22 date, to have a rule that fully complies with what the

23 Clean Water Act requires to fully protect public health.

24 The rule language should be revised to 25 further what appears to be DEC's intent, to in fact **DEC Public Hearing**

2 the trend isn't reversed. It's being reversed, but

especially in these times of climate change, we need the

resilience of the bays, the waterways of New York City,

5 returning the water to a natural state should be a

6 primary purpose of EPA work, all our work.

That's it. Thank you.

8 MS. McBRIDE: Thank you.

Shino Tanikama?

10 MS TANIKAMA: Good afternoon. My name is 11 Shino Tanikama. I'm with the New York City Tunnel and 12 Water Conservation District. Today I'm speaking as the alternate New York co-chair of the New York-New Jersey 13 Harbor Citizen Advisory Committee. We submitted our 14 15 letter a while ago. I will speak to what we already submitted, but I'd like the opportunity to share with 16 17 the rest of the members of the public what we submitted.

We would like more clearly amended

designated use. As Larry mentioned, I think the way to interpret the current proposal is changing the water quality standards without really explicitly changing the 22 designated use. We would like to have the language changed to say that Class I saline surface water, the best usage of Class I waters are primary contact

25 recreation and fishing.

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1 **DEC Public Hearing** 2 achieve that and protect public health and comply with 3 the law.

4 MS. McBRIDE: Thank you.

5 Robert Bake?

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6 MR. BAKE: Hi, I'm Robert Bake, I'm 7 president of the Brooklyn Bird Club. Of course I support the clean water around New York City. Primary use should be safe for people, no brainer. That it 10 isn't already is unconscionable. I understand it's a 11 difficult process.

I'd like to, as a member of the birding 13 community and the environmental community, I'd like to 14 say that it's not just for people, it's also for the 15 wildlife that uses the waters of New York City.

16 I'm sure they are susceptible to the 17 infections that people are, and there's also the whole 18 ecosystem, especially I'm very familiar with Jamaica 19 Bay, the fecal discharge from the sewage treatment 20 plants raised the levels of bacteria and nutrients in

21 the Bay and contributed to the devastation of our 22 environment, the lack of resilience in the Bay.

23 The grasslands have been reduced 30 percent 24 in the last 15 or 20 years. And they have been 25 projected to lose all the grassland in Jamaica Bay, if

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2 We'd like to have the words "primary contact recreation" explicitly inserted into the section of the 4 water quality standards that talks about the designated 5 use and the best usage.

Likewise, for Class SD, we'd like the best usage of Class SD waters to be primary contact recreation and fishing. So we would like for inclusion of the word "primary in" that language.

We would also like to protect existing uses, and that might entail the New York DEC conducting a full assessment of existing uses. Beyond setting the goal for fishable and swimmable, which we are fully supportive of, I think we need to really look at how the water bodies are currently being used, and insure that we do everything to meet the goal, because the uses are already there as existing uses.

All I'm saying is, really, we don't want anybody to say we can't meet these water quality goals. We want people to really look at how the water bodies are used today without meeting these goals, so that we can meet the water quality goals.

We'd also like to switch to enterococcus as part of this amendment process. I understand the DEC 25 will be switching to using enterococcus as an indicator



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DEC Public Hearing 2 next year or the year after, but we think it would be 3 prudent for us to actually do this now to avoid confusion in the future.

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We also want water quality criteria to be 6 relevant to the people who use the waters. What I mean 7 is, the current standard is based on the geometric means 8 over 30 days. However, people are using the water today 9 or yesterday, on that particular day, to the users of 10 the water bodies, the geometric mean over 30 days is 11 irrelevant. You're exposed to a high concentration of 12 bacteria on a given day, it doesn't really matter if the 13 average is lower than the standard.

14 We would like something that is more 15 relevant and more protective of the users of the body. 16 Along the same line, I know as an environmental 17 educator, I take small children to sample the water once 18 a month throughout the year. Ironically, the only month 19 that I don't sample is when school is not in session, 20 July and August.

21 But the rest of the year I do go out to the 22 river, fill up a bucket of water, and we do come into 23 contact with that water. So in some places it may be 24 prudent to look at year round water quality standards 25 and not just seasonal uses.

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Again, I think if the DEC looks at the full existing uses and analyzes how the water bodies are being used, you would know which water bodies warrant year round protection.

Finally, we would like to know how this 7 change will be integrated into the ongoing water quality improvement program, particularly the long term control planning process to the CSO and NS in the City.

10 We are presuming these standards will be 11 incorporated into the planning process, but we would 12 like clarity on how the City will amend the LTC plan 13 submitted already, or if they are going to be 14 resubmitting those plans. We need guidelines and 15 clarification on that point.

16 Again, the City Advisory Committee of New 17 York-New Jersey supports this initiative, but we'd like 18 to see strengthening of the proposal.

19 Thank you.

20 MS. McBRIDE: Thank you.

21 Ate Atema.

22 MR. ATEMA: My name is Ate Atema, I'll be 23 brief. I'm speaking as a citizen, as a lover of this

24 city, as a lover of cities in general, as an architect

25 and somebody who's been working for the last three years

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2 in developing a strategy for preventing storm water from combining with raw sewage to creat the CSOs that are driving the problems we're speaking about today.

5 The really big picture for me is, this is an 6 opportunity for New York City to establish itself as a 7 leader in green infrastructure and demonstrating that

8 large cities can be responsible ecological citizens of 9 the planet. We all, I think, understand the benefits of

10 density, and I think any opportunity New York City has 11 to take leadership in that area should be embraced.

12 So that's, I think, something like the 13 primary contact recreation standards is the right goal.

14 it's a very simple one, it's clear, it's a goal I think 15 everybody agrees we want to get to. We want to be able

16 to swim in our waters, we want to able to fish in our 17 waters and to be able to know that sewage is not

18 discharged into our waters.

19 And so, I think there's an elegance and simplicity to the goal, and we should get there as soon 20 21 as possible.

Thank you.

23 MS. McBRIDE: Thank you very much.

Dierdre Cossman?

25 MS. COSSMAN: Hi, my name is Dierdre Cossman

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2 and I'm member of the Empire Dragon Boat Racing Team.

And we practice on Flushing Bay, and obviously a lot of

the same points have been made already by Coach Akila 4

5 Simon.

6 And basically it's about not only the water 7 quality getting changed for the designation of these waters to primary contact, because on a regular basis,

9 which is a few times a week, we're out there paddling

10 with hundreds of others every week, and there have been

11 incidents of infection and rash and things, just from

12 paddling and getting splashed by the water. 13

So it's important that the designation is 14 changed to be amended for not just water quality 15 criteria, but the actual language for primary contact 16 recreation.

17 Thank you.

18 MS. McBRIDE: Thank you.

19 Ira Gershenbaum.

20 MR. GERSHENBAUM: My name is Ira

21 Gershenbaum, I'm here representing myself and River

22 Keeper. Two points. One point is, I missed the first

23 part of this hearing because of the security procedures

24 outside. Many people are also coming in right now

25 because of that and missed much. I arrived early, not



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Page 29 **DEC Public Hearing** 2 early enough, an hour early. 3 The second thing is, I'm a swimmer, I like 4 to swim in the Hudson River. The only thing that prevents me from currently swimming in the Hudson River is the fact I don't have access to it. Many who want to swim in the Hudson River are afraid of it. And this initiative should help that. Hopefully, at some point 9 it will also help the fact that the bad news comes out 10 whenever a swim, an organized swim, people come out with 11 mustaches from the Hudson River because of sewage and 12 things in the water. 13 Thank you. 14 MS. McBRIDE: Thank you. 15 Peter Molinski? 16 MR. MOLINSKI: I'm speaking from the New 17 York Harbor Foundation, the oyster project. We do a lot 18 of work, primary contact work, in the water restoring 19 oysters to the harbor. So we have high school students 20 diving in the water from the end of April through the 21 end of November. So I echo the point of widening the 22 season for primary contact uses, that we are in the 23 water for July and August. 24 And just -- someone else mentioned -- more 25 clarification -- I might have missed it, I was late,

DEC Public Hearing 2 means for existing plans in place, including consent orders. The Newtown Creek Alliance along with River

Keeper have been fighting a current consent order about 5 aeration at Newtown Creek for reasons actually over

6 public health.

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And one of the issues we had is saying it's 8 not a public health concern, people are not supposed to be recreating there anyway. We want to know what that 10 would mean for that, because right now the aeration only addresses the oxygen level. The new level, the bacteria 11 12 level, does that mean the aeration program will have to 13 be entirely redesigned?

And going forward with future consent 15 orders, to promote presumably new standards, we want to make sure there's an open process with the community. The community was left out of a lot of these processes, and I understand there's lots of concern over that, so I want to make sure there's enforcement or a mechanism to insure compliance of efforts.

21 Thank you.

MS. McBRIDE: Thank you very much.

23 That was our last speaker card. I will

24 repeat for those of you who were not here at the

25 beginning. The Department is receiving comments

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DEC Public Hearing 2 based on the line -- what exactly the new designation means, whether there's any action on DEC's part to change the quality of the water or simply a designation

6 MS. McBRIDE: Thank you very much.

to change the -- I'm unclear about it.

7 Willis Elkins?

8 MR. ELKINS: I'm Willis Elkins, from the

Newtown Creek Alliance -- a couple of comments. One of

the SD water bodies, which means one of most polluted

11 the in the City. So generally, we're supportive of this

12 effort.

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13 It's difficult for us to make progress on 14 the waterway, especially with existing use saying there already are people recreating on the water. The agency 16 says it doesn't matter, conditions don't reflect that. 17 So, a couple concerns we have, though, 18 because some of the places in Newtown Creek have such 19 poor water quality, we're interested in knowing what the

20 mechanism is to enforce the compliance? We want to make 21 sure the responsible agencies are responsible for

22 cleaning that up and don't have a way of getting out of

23 this because conditions are so bad.

24 Does that make sense?

25 The other concern we have is about what it **DEC Public Hearing**

2 regarding this proposed rulemaking until 5:00 p.m. on

3 March 16.

4 If you'd like to submit comments, you may mail them into Robert Simson at the New York State DEC. 5

The mailing address is 625 Broadway, Albany, New York

7 12233-3500. I will have Mr. Stoner here give the e-mail

8 address.

9 Sorry, we do have a couple more speakers.

10 Also, information for sending in comments is at the

11 table out in the hallway.

12 Noelle Thurlow is our next speaker.

13 MS. THURLOW: Hello, I'm Noelle Thurlow, I 14 run a small kayaking paddleboard company in Hoboken, the

15 other state across the river, the Hudson River. I bring

children, I do lessons for them and a small youth

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17 program as well.

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If you've ever done any paddleboarding, then 19 you know we're all in the water. We fall off all the

20 time, the children jump off, they love it. It's a

21 wonderful opportunity. I make sure to include

22 environmental education with every program that I do,

23 so they're learning to understand the Hudson River

24 estuary.

25 So I would love it for the water to be as



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- clean as possible for the children and all people that
- use the water.
- 4 Thank you.
- 5 MS. McBRIDE: Thank you.
- 6 Karen Craddock?
- 7 MS. CRADDOCK: Hi. My name is Karen
- 8 Craddock. I'm a breast cancer survivor and I grew up on
- Long Island on the North Shore near the Throgs Neck
- 10 Bridae.

11 I've always been afraid of the water quality

12 in the area on the North Shore of Long Island, going to

13 Queens where we did hang out.

14 I am a member of the Empire Cancer Survivor

15 Dragon Boat Team. I'm also a member of the Guardians of

16 Flushing Bay. This is a group of Dragon boaters who are

17 in the Flushing Bay who are concerned about the water

18 quality.

19 Our mission is to preserve and protect the

20 water quality of the Bay in order to save human contact

21 with the human body. I'm involved in the team because

22 we're very concerned about the environment and our

23 health risks due to the gradual destruction and abuse of

24 the ecosystem that New York has grown industrially over

25 the decades.

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the only protected bay in our area fit for human powered water sports and other activities that have incidental

5 direct contact with the water.

Also, I see people fishing off the dock. I

7 don't know if it's for personal consumption or illegal

commercial comsumption, but I fear that toxic catch is

ending up on a plate somewhere.

10 Personally, I have seen water pouring out of 11 the CSO. It smells horrible, you can see sometimes a

12 cloudy discharge in the water. I'm afraid that I will

13 get sick or get an infection as many teammates have in

14 the past. I'm trying to cover myself head to toe with

15 as many layers as possible.

16 Even though our hands are in the water, we 17 do get splashed all the time. We accidentally swallow

18 it and it's not a pleasant experience.

19 What we want is the water quality be raised 20 to a level where it's swimmable, at least when we have 21 primary contact with the water to not feel as though 22 we're in danger of harming yourself.

23 Paddlers have direct contact with the water. 24 I think it's assumed that we're above it so therefore

25 we're not near it, but we are in it. Please make

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changes for us to be safe.

3 Thank you.

4 MS. McBRIDE: Thank you.

5 Maria Melian?

MS. MELIAN: I'm Maria Melian, I'm also part

7 of the Empire Dragon Boat Team. We're one of the many,

8 many dragon boat teams that use Flushing Bay as our only

9 lake, actually. It's a huge sport, started in Asia, and

10 it's very strong in Canada and the West Coast.

The water basically is filthy. Part of it

12 is industrial waste, but most of it is from human sewage

from the CSOs. And it's due to faulty engineering. 13

14 This can be fixed. It takes time, it takes money and it

15 takes effort, but it can be done.

16 I lived here in the 70s, I saw the Hudson, I

17 smelled the Hudson. It is a different thing now. I saw

18 the tens, I see it now, it can be done. We just need

19 everybody and we need the government to do something

20 about it.

21 And the idea -- somebody, I can't remember,

22 EPA had the idea of putting disinfectant in the sewers?

23 In the water? We're cancer survivors on our team.

24 That's not what we need. We don't need more chemicals

25 in our water. We need engineering solutions, which can

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2 be done.

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3 Thank you.

MS. McBRIDE: Edith Kantrowitz?

5 MS. KANTROWITZ: Hi, Edith Kantrowitz.

6 president of New York City Friends of Clearwater. We

7 are a chartered club, the Clearwater organization

8 originally started by Pete Seeger to clean up the Hudson

River. And so we are continuing to work on cleaning up

10 the Hudson River. Of course, we're very interested in

11 the other waterways in the New York City area and making

12 sure they're clean and swimmable and healthy for us to

13 put our bodies into if we're going to swim and recreate

14 in other ways.

15 So we would like basically to express our 16 support for the proposed rulemaking, but there are some

changes that we'd like to recommend. These were 17

18 directly suggested by the Water Infrastructure Matters

19 Coalition. You may have already heard them today 20

because I came up late because of the line. 21 I'd like to reiterate our support for those

22 principles that the designated used for Class SD waters

23 should explicitly include primary contact recreation.

We recognize that designated uses and water quality 24

25 criteria should both be included.

Page 37 **DEC Public Hearing** 2 Number 2, the DEC should survey and assess 3 how people are using the water so we have a better picture of recreation. 5 Number 3, measures should be taken to make 6 sure that these criteria are integrated into the City's 7 sewage overflow reduction plans. 8 Number 4, the sample should be based on a 9 single sample approach rather than an average sample. 10 The DEC should revise the draft regulations 11 to insure that the EPA beach act standards apply to 12 these waters, and also for measuring the water quality. 13 The sample should be taken from the near shore areas 14 where people swim and are paddling, rather than out in 15 the middle of the water where people are not as likely 16 to be. 17 Again, we want to endorse the suggestions of 18 the Water Infrastructure Matters Coalition to see everything is done to make the water as clean and 20 healthy as possible. 21 Thank you. 22 MS. McBRIDE: Thank you. 23 23 Robert Coover? 24 24 MR. COOVER: I'd like to add my support of 25 25 the points mentioned by the previous speaker, endorse

Page 39 **DEC Public Hearing** 2 ---3 One side comment before I'm done. I live on 4 Staten Island. After Sandy -- a lot of houses. 5 infrastructure, plus vegetation -- I see trees being cut down all over the place. The tree program helps, but the city parks, it wiped out the underbrush in certain 8 areas. Standing trees were impacted, high winds -- the 9 water system, its impact is a big issue in the City. 10 Thank you. 11 MS. McBRIDE: Thank you. 12 Robin Kriesberg? 13 MS. KREISBERG: Good afternoon. I'm Robin 14 Kriesberg, I'm the policy director of Bronx River 15 Alliance. We partnership to protect, improve and 16 restore the Bronx River, and I'm also on the steering 17 committee for the Storm Water Infrastructure Matters 18 Group, a citywide coalition of more than 60 organizations advocating for swimmable and fishable 19 20 waters in New York City. 21 We enthusiasticly support the proposed 22 amendments to set the water quality goal of all New York

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River safe for primary contact.

1 2 community leaders, concerned citizens and government officials, the Bronx River has seen a remarkable resurgence since the 1970s when it was an abandoned

Thanks to the tremendous efforts of

City waters being swimmable, which would make the Bronx

4 5 dumping ground. 6 Today over 5,000 recreational boaters enjoy

7 the Bronx River every year. We've opened up seven boat 8 launches along the year when none previously existed. 9 Over 9,500 students have touched or been touched by the 10 river. We work with over 2300 educators who have made 11 the river an outdoor classroom for hundreds of students 12 ever year.

13 It's a testament to the progress that we've 14 made, it came in 2012 when the National Park Service designated the Bronx River as a national water trail. 15 16 The designated uses of waters of the river should be 17 changed to primary contact to support a variety of recreational and educational activities already taking 18 19 place on the river.

Human powered boats exposes people to the same risks as swimming, so that's why primary contact is really essential.

The Bronx River long term control plan process began in February, with a scheduled completion date of June of this year, and the water quality changes

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2 storm water matters, the ongoing existing use as primary contact or recreation of these waters and support

4 general continuing use of such.

5 MS. McBRIDE: Thank you.

6 Mark Ringenary?

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7 MR. RINGENARY: Good afternoon. I'm from the National Park Service -- Gateway Recreation is our name. We'd like to see more recreaction -- the City 10 supporting it -- we have a number of people using 11 recreational activities.

We have a biologist in the park testing the 13 water. I can tell you Jamaica Bay is very bad. I don't 14 know the indicators the DEC looks at in the background 15 -- people can get a false sense of security by passing 16 measures.

17 I'd love to have better control. I want to 18 know there's monitoring to keep people safe who are 19 using the water for specific recreational activities. I 20 want to inform the public if there's a problem -- I want 21 to know what kind of enforcement you will use to 22 regulate or try to control this, engineering-wise? How 23 to educate the public on these issues?

24 Again, it's a question for me that I see 25 people using the water who don't know there is a problem



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Page 41 **DEC Public Hearing** 2 proposed by DEC should be incorporated into the planning process to insure that the final plan achieves water 4 quality standards that protect the public and support existing uses of the river. 5 5 6 To insure the safety of those coming into contact with the river, as previously said, water 8 quality criteria should be based on a single sample maximum testing approach rather than a 30 day means --10 five samples per month. People don't come into contact 11 with average water. The river should be safe for 11 12 contact whenever they do come in contact with it. 12 13 In addition, testing standards should be 13 14 revised to adopt modern scientifically supported, 14 15 enterococcus based standards. Samples should be taken 16 from near shore areas where people actually recreate 17 rather than the middle of the water body. 17 18 Building on the great progress that's been 18 19 achieved so far on the Bronx River, we urge DEC to make 19 20 important regulatory changes to protect the many 20 21 21 citizens who depend on a clean and healthy river so they 22 can safely enjoy all the recreational and educational 22 23 opportunities it offers. 23 24 24 MS. McBRIDE: Thank you. 25 Randy Ng?

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2 place for them to go to paddle and to learn about

3 leadership and adversity, working together using this

4 sport called dragon racing.

Now, Flushing Bay is next to LaGuardia

6 Airport, we also have challenges there. There is a

7 sewage deposit, 1.1 million gallons of sewage is dumped

in, especially during a storm it's more problematic,

just because of the high levels of bacteria, e-coli.

Most of times what happens is, Flushing Bay is our only 10

home, where many people actually get sick and some have

severe cases that ended up in the emergency room.

The other two things that are in our community, we have two municipal sanitation areas that 15 actually block the entrance, the sanitation building 16 that's in our entrance; and the municipal waste facility in the back. At times you can tell that the municipal waste, the liquids come through the sewage and create the slick and smell and engage bacteria that are in our

We also have two cement treatment plants, cement concrete plants, which one is owned by the Department of Transportation.

So what we're here today, to support and 25 asking for help in education, we're asking for help in

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MR. NG: Good afternoon. Thank you, everybody for your time at this meeting. My name is Randy Ng, I am one of the members affiliated with Flushing Bay, the dragon boat community. We've bonded together to call ourselves the Guardians of Flushing Bav.

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8 I'm one of the coaches of another team. As you can see, we have quite a few members here today of 10 the dragon boat community, representatives of the 11 passion of the sport, most importantly of Flushing Bay.

We talked about the sport dragon boating, 13 and I will try not to repeat what was talked about. 14 Dragon boating is the ultimate team support. It's 22 15 people in a boat, ten on the left, ten on the right, 16 brought together to race or to paddle together as one 17 whole team.

18 As you can see, the Empire State Dragon Boat 19 Team is a bunch of cancer survivors. On my crew, I'm actually the coach of 140 high school students yearly 20 21 for the last 16 years.

22 What we're trying to do at Flushing Bay is 23 to improve the quality of the bay so it's safe for them 24 to paddle, but really to put forward support for the 25 next generation, to teach these kids and have a safe **DEC Public Hearing**

2 learning what to do, how we can be part of this 3 community to improve the water system.

4 As you can see today, many of our team 5 members, our group, Guardians of Flushing Bay, have a 6 passion to be here to try to improve the water quality.

Again, for me as a coach, I'm also the coach 8 of Team USA. A lot of members train here on the 9 national level team. I ask for your help, not only for us, not only for the breast cancer survivors, but for 10 11 future generations.

12 Thank you.

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13 MS. McBRIDE: On behalf of the DEC I want to 14 thank you all for coming out this afternoon and giving us your comments. Again, Comments will be received 15 until March 16. Thank you. 16

17 (Time noted: 1:06 p.m.) 18 (Matter concluded.)

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